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Re application of: Dan A. STEINBERG
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For: METHODS AND DEVICES FOR COUPLING OPTOELECTRONIC PACKAGES
Group No.: 2874
Examiner: Jennifer Doan

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Commissioner for Patents
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Date: April 9, 2004

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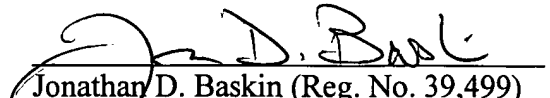
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